

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A device **[[ (10) ]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[ (1) ]]** along a fold line **[[ (2) ]]** located between a first section **[[ (3) ]]** and a second section **[[ (4) ]]** of the flat element **[[ (1) ]]**, the device **[[ (10) ]]** comprising a first impression device **[[ (5) ]]** and a second impression device **[[ (6) ]]** contacting diverse sides **[[ (3, 4) ]]** of the fold line **[[ (2) ]]** during folding of the flat element **[[ (1) ]]**, wherein the second impression device **[[ (6) ]]** is configured such that the contact force between the second impression device **[[ (6) ]]** and second section **[[ (4) ]]** of the flat element **[[ (1) ]]** comprises a first force component standing perpendicular to the plane of the second section **[[ (4) ]]**, and comprises a second force component extending in the plane of the second section **[[ (4) ]]** and acting in the direction towards the fold line **[[ (2) ]]**.

6. (Currently amended) The device **[[ (10) ]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[ (1) ]]** as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fold line **[[ (2) ]]** of the flat element **[[ (1) ]]** is produced to facilitate folding, ~~more particularly~~ in the form of a cross-sectional taper and/or perforation.

7. (Currently amended) The device **[[ (10) ]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[ (1) ]]** as set forth in claim 5 or 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second force component standing in the plane of the second section **[[ (4) ]]** and acting in the direction towards the fold line **[[ (2) ]]** is a frictional force between the second impression device **[[ (6) ]]** and the second section **[[ (4) ]]**.

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8. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]]~~ as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein during folding of the flat element ~~[[1]]~~ the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ assumes a stationary position along which the second section ~~[[4]]~~ is guided.

9. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~(1) in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein for use in a continuous operation the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ comprises at least one roller ~~[[6']]~~ which contacts the second section ~~[[4]]~~ during folding.

10. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~(1) in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ comprises a set of rollers with rollers ~~[[6]]~~ arranged in a train in the direction of the continuous operation, which contact the second section ~~[[4]]~~ during folding.

11. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]] in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the axes of the rollers ~~[[6']]~~ run substantially parallel to the second section ~~[[4]]~~ and assume no right angle relative to the fold line ~~[[2]]~~ during folding.

12. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]] in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rollers ~~[[6']]~~ can be swiveled about the fold line ~~[[2]]~~ and/or rotated about an axis perpendicular to the second section ~~[[4]]~~ .

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13. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[ (1) ]]~~ ~~in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in any of the claims any one of claims claim 9 to 12, characterized in that wherein the at least one roller has a rollers- ~~(6')~~ ~~comprise~~ contact surfaces surface having a high friction coefficient.

14. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[ (1) ]]~~ ~~in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 5 or 9, characterized in that wherein the first impression device ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ comprises at least one roller ~~[[ (5') ]]~~ which contacts the first section ~~[[ (3) ]]~~ during folding.

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